Gauge conversion in Rajasthan

810. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pelased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan have requested for the conversion of several metre gauge lines into broad gauge lines;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what decision Government have taken in the matter and if no decision has been taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Sawaimadhopur-Jaipur (133 km.) and (ii) Delhi-Ahmedabad (925 km.).

(c) The Final Location Survey for gauge conversion of Sawaimadhopur-Jaipur-Phulera-Merta Road-Jodhpur and Merta Road-Lalgarh (Bikaner), as first phase for linking Jaisalmer/Barmer by BG, has been taken up.

Development of Tourism in Rajasthan

811. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether, considering that an estimated 40 per cent of the foreign and domestic tourists would be attracted by 1990, Government of Rajasthan have submitted any proposal for the development of tourism and upgrading tourist facilities in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the estimated expenditure involved in the scheme;

(c) whether the proposal has been approved by Government if so, what is the Central assistance proposed to be given to the State Government for the implementation of the programme; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Department of Tourism has received proposals from the Government of Rajasthan for Central financial assistance during 1989-90 for development of tourism infrastructure at various tourist centres in the State. The following are the details of these proposals:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Estimated cost
1.	Construction of Kiosk and toilet facilities at Gogunda	2.00
2.	Construction of Kiosk and toilet facilities at Badshahi Bagh	1.50
3.	Provision of Cafeteria with toilet block at Chavand	5.00
4.	Provision of 5 Paddle boats for Jaisamand	2.50
5.	Construction of Cafeteria at Chittorgarh	5.00
6.	Cafeteria with toilet facilities at Bardoli, Alamia and Chandra Bhaga Temple Complex at a cost of Rs. 1.50 lakhs each	4.50
7.	50-Seater Motor Launch for Jaisamand	5.00